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SUBJ: TURKISH PRESS REPORTS SECRETARY'S COMMON ON DCA TIMING

1. TURKISH PRESS MARCH 11 IS DOMINATED BY REPORTS FROM SWITZERLAND ON THE MONTREUX SUMMIT. NEVERTHELESS, TWO MAJOR NEWSPAPERS, MASS CIRCULATION HURRIYET AND PRO-GOVERNMENT MILLIYET, CARRY FRONT PAGE REPORTS OF SECRETARY VANCE'S ANSWER TO A QUESTION ASKED DURING A MEETING OF THE FOREIGN OPERATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE ABOUT UNCLASSIFIED

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THE TURKISH-US DEFENSE COOPERATION AGREEMENT (DCA).

2. ACCORDING TO HURRIYET REPORTER DOGAN ULUC, THE SECRETARY SAID "WE MADE CLEAR EARLIER OUR SUPPORT IN PRINCIPLE FOR THE DCA. NOW THE ADMINISTRATION IS AWAITING THE OUTCOME OF THE SUMMIT MEETING THAT WILL BEGIN TOMORROW BETWEEN THE GREEK AND TURKISH PRIME

MINISTERS AND THE PROPOSALS ON CYPRUS THAT THE TURKISH SIDE WILL PLACE ON THE TABLE...AFTER THESE TWO IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS WE SHALL MAKE OUR DEFINITE VIEWS KNOWN."

3. MILLIYET REPORTER SAYNUR GOREN'S VERSION IS SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT. "EARLIER I MADE CLEAR OUR SUPPORT IN PRINCIPLE FOR THE TURKISH AND GREEK AGREENTS. THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE IN THIS VIEW. WE ARE AWAITING THE OUTCOME OF THE MEETING BETWEEN THE PRIME MINISTERS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES AND THE PROPOSALS ON CYPRUS THAT WILL BE PLACED ON THE TABLE. IN APRIL THIS SUBJECT WILL BE DISCUSSED IN THE HOUSE INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE. WE ARE FORCED TO ARRIVE AT A DEFINITE DECISION BY THAT TIME." GOREN GOES ON TO NOTE THAT HEARINGS HAD ORIGINALLY BEEN SCHEDULED FOR MARCH BUT HAD BEEN DELAYED UNTIL APRIL BECAUSE OF SCHEDULING PROBLEMS. HOWEVER, VANCE'S STATEMENT MAKES CLEAR THAT THE FUNDAMENTAL REASON FOR THE DELAY IS TO AWAIT THE OUTCOME OF THE SUMMIT AND THE TURKISH PROPOSALS ON CYPRUS.
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